

Attachment A

2022 Cultural Funding Grant Program Peer Review Panel

Arts & Culture Commissioner and Visual Artist

Terri Willison has an MA in Art and Printmaking from CSUN and a BA in Art from UCSB. After 10-years in the art world as a faux and decorative painter working with commercial and residential clients, Teri returned to her first love – teaching. Teri has over 18 years of experience educating adults and children in art making. Teri loves all creative endeavors and is constantly exploring new mediums and ways of working. From painting and printmaking to mosaic and ceramics, she is always looking for her next creative adventure.

Performing Artist /Educator

Jeff Wallach brings to the proverbial table over 3 decades-worth of experience as a performing arts educator, actor, director, choreographer, producer, et al. Jeff has not only worked as an actor with local professional companies such as The Rubicon Theatre, Santa Susana Rep Company, Thousand Oaks Rep Company, and The Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival (since its inception) but also has the honor of being the Festival's choreographer.

In addition to his 25-year relationship with Kingsmen Shakespeare, Jeff is an adjunct professor with California Lutheran University's (CLU) Theatre and Dance Department having taught classes in multiple dance styles as well as musical theatre and choreographed multiple productions such as "Spring Awakening", "As You Like It", "Under Fire", and most recently "The Pirate Queen". Outside of CLU and Kingsmen, Jeff has been a guest director and/or choreographer with Ventura College, Moorpark College, Newbury Park High School, Oxnard High School, Villanova Prep, Santa Susana High School as well as working with and/or creating arts programs with the cities of Ventura, Thousand Oaks, Agoura Hills, and Westlake Village.

Community Member - Anna Bermudez

Anna Bermudez was recently named Curator of Inclusion and Cultural Initiatives at the Museum of Ventura County (MVC). Previously Chief Curator, Anna has worked at MVC for the past fifteen years.

In her new role, Anna brings artists and exhibits from the many regions of California to MVC. She currently serves on the board of the Latino Baseball History Project at Cal State San Bernardino, having co-authored three books on baseball history in the region. She is also working with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History as they prepare to open their new Latino Gallery, a precursor to opening the National Museum of the American Latino.

Attachment A

2022 Cultural Funding Grant Program Peer Review Panel

Anna's interests lie in the history and culture of Ventura County and the surrounding region, especially in the areas of food history, Latino artists, and the California School of Art. Anna has received awards as an arts leader from both the City of Ventura and the Latino Town Hall in Santa Paula.

Outside Grant Funding Expert - Amber Landis

Amber Landis was born and raised in Ventura. She loves living in Ventura County, attended Ventura College, UCSB, and CSUN. After graduating with her BA in Dramatic Arts from UCSB she started working at the Ventura Museum of History and Art, now known as the Museum of Ventura County. This job was her introduction to non-profit fundraising and development work. Her other non-profit fundraising work includes working with Rubicon Theatre Company, Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families, and the Ventura County Community Foundation.